GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:274
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FISHERMEN BENEFITED UNDER CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any centrally sponsored schemes in operation for the. benefit of fishermen in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the impact of such schemes;

(d) the number of foreign fishing vessels permitted to operate in various coasts at present; and

(e) the impact of the operations of these foreign vessels on the livelihood of fishermen?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.274 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20th DECEMBER, 2004.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. There are three Centrally Sponsored Schemes in operation that are meant to benefit the fishermen directly. Details of the schemes are placed in the statement attached.

(c): The impact of the schemes are :

(i) Modemisation of traditional fishing sector by popularizing out board motors thereby reducing the drudgery of labour and enhancing safety of fishermen at sea. This has also increased productivity of traditional fishing operations.

(ii) Housing, insurance and saving-cum-relief programmes have enhanced social security of traditional fishermen.

(iii) Training and extension scheme has helped in imparting new technologies among fishermen.

(iv) Development of fishing harbours and fish landing centers have helped fishermen by providing safe berthing for their boats and to land their catch in prime condition thereby fetching a better price.

(d): No foreign fishing vessels are permitted to operate in various coasts at present.

(e): Does not arise.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.274 to be answered on 20.12.2004

Details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Fisheries Sector meant for benefit of fishermen

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	Major Components of the scheme	Objectives of the scheme
1	DEV. OF MARINE FISHERIES, INFRASTRUCTURE & POST HARVEST OPERATIONS	A. Development of Marine Fisheries fishermen through motorisation a) Introduction of Imtermediate crafts of improved design b) Resources specific deep sea fishing vessels c) Motorisation of traditional craft(modified) d) Fishermen development rebate on HSD e) Safety of Fishermen at sea	To empower the traditional craft, assist the small scale mechanised fisheries sector by subsidising the excise duty on fuel thereby improving the socio economic conditions of the traditional fishermen etc.
		B. Development of Infrastructure & Post Harvest Operations	
		a) Development of Fishing Harbour & Fish Landing Centres b) Maintenance of Dredger TSD Sindhuraj (ongoing)	To establish Fishing Harbours and Fish Landing Centres and to renovate old Fishing Harbours and Fish Landing Centres
		c) Strengthening of post harvest Infrastructure	
2	NATIONAL SCHEME OF WELFARE OF FISHERMEN	a) Development of Model Fishermen Villages i) Housing ii) Drinking Water iii) Community HalisIWork Shed	To provide basic amenities like house, common working place and drinking water to fishers and to provide assistance during lean period and accidential insurance
		b) Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen	
		c) Saving-cum-Relief	
3	FISHERIES TRAINING & EXTENSION	i) Human Resource Development ii) Establishment of Fish Farmers Training Centre-3 Nos. in each state;	To provide training to fishing persons to improve their skills
		iii) Publication of handbooks;	
		iv) Publication of extension/training manuals;	
		v) Organisation of Workshop/Seminar (a) National Level (b) State Level;	
		vi) Production of documentary film on fisheries and aquaculture;	

vii) Estabilishment of Awareness Centre in each State.